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My dear Tom

The few days I spy London dojourn did not permit me the great pleasure of seeing you & Emma in your new residence, which I greatly regret as I had many many things to ark you & communicate - Yet why? for your fate & mine are so alike that from my own convictions I doing I can always judge what to do & even by my self tell you how to act under the circumstances which the Doctors insist on for the sake of his health & now he is actually preparing - he has got a most excellent testimony of his skill & good character from the principal engineers Partizans where he was

labouring at Manchester & Wm may
be the making of him, but he will
not be scratching for gold — They tell
me you are actually going to Canada
on a solid investigation the good
position Lample pay at which
would surprise me had I not
in my hand at this time an
especially pretty soap-stuck-pig
indeed one in each hand, not they
definitive of either but they are both things such
as I have not yet been so lucky
as even to get a taste of —
Have you yet heard from them?
I suppose not, but do write
me & take them as my visits should
I would not bring off for I had
portraits & a miniature of Fry &
of the latter piece in a splendid

perspective of Manchester to be
engraved & published by Hogarth
Bye the bye he writes me that
Mr Johnstone declines to
pay for the frames & wrote
that I had done the portraits
when paid - now this has
the may I have, for ~~the~~ addition
by going to Enfield I did not
leave a stone, & returned before
satisfaction & made Mr Johnstone
promise to let me know when his
father could see that I might
go to Enfield to finish what
I began - As regards the frames
you know they are always
put to the drawings before
them - I have not yet written
but will write & hear from you
to guide me for I am in the
dark - tell if you have had any

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dispute for I dont think they were
at the beginning of the year when I
did [illegible] pictures do annoy
towards you or not - do tell me any
thing to regulate my conduct & that
I do write from here - I am doing
a large whole length of Bishop
Cameron & as I can not walk
my [illegible] the change for air
would be for me which it has
- I shall be back in a fortnight
but do not delay writing about
Mr Hendrickson

Those Emma & [illegible] charming
daughters are well & little Monkey
kicking in great style - Annie
are all well & upon the whole
I am "looking up" as they say
in the market & hope you are
really doing the same
Your affectionate brother
Joseph